

Costello Raps Jap 'Coddling'

T-11 6-29-43
Says WRA Ignores

Fact We're at War

Officials of the War Relocation Authority have either ignored or forgotten that the United States is at war with Japan in their supervision of 90,000 Japs in relocation centers in the far West. Representative John M. Costello (D.), of California, reported to the House yesterday.

Costello summarized the findings made by his special subcommittee at recent hearings on the Pacific Coast. The hearings will be resumed tomorrow before the full committee on un-American Activities here.

Calling for an immediate stop to the release of the Japanese at the rate of 1,000 a week from the camps to which they have been evacuated, Costello declared:

"Not only has there been no effort to segregate the disloyal and un-American Japanese from those who desire to remain loyal, but on the contrary the disloyal have been given positions of prominence and power in each of the centers.

"Instances in which Japanese evacuees have shown a pro-American attitude have resulted in their being assaulted and beaten by the disloyal. At the Manzanar, Calif. camp, some 30 loyal Japanese were removed from the center and placed in an abandoned CCC camp in an isolated area of Death Valley. Instead of penalizing the mer who maltreated the loyal Japanese, the latter were sent into isolated confinement.